# The Partnership of Electricity Storage and Distributed Generation

"Creating an Expanded DER Industry"





#### **Distributed Generation**

"Transmission reliability, distributed resources and energy storage... will contribute to the development of the dynamic power grid of the future, characterized by distributed intelligence, distributed generation, and distributed storage."

Imre Gyuk, Energy Storage Program Manager, U.S. Department of Energy

"Energy storage can often augment DG in three ways... for stabilization purposes... [to] provide energy to ride through periods when the DG unit is unavailable... [and to] permit a non-dispatchable DG unit to operate as a dispatchable unit."

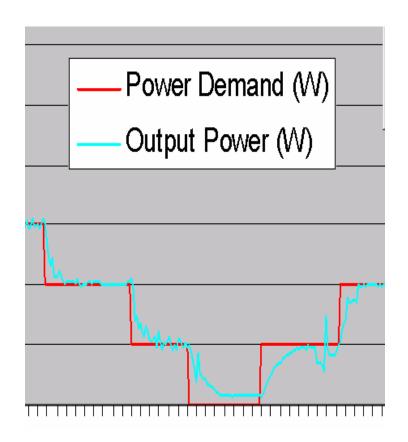
H. Lee Willis, Walter G. Scott, "Distributed Power Generation: Planning and Evaluation"

- DG types to be discussed
  - Microturbines
  - Residential fuel cell generators



#### **Microturbines**

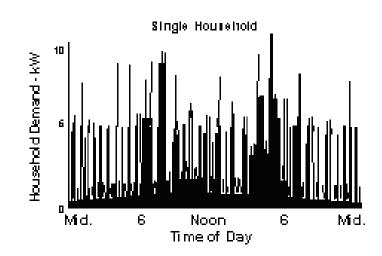
- 25 250 kW output
- Majority of installed base is Capstone 30 kW unit
  - 800 out of 1200 units shipped in 2000
  - 300 75 kW units from Honeywell
- High efficiency, but slow response time
  - Approx. 15-second ramping time
  - Requires energy storage for offgrid operation
- Other uses for energy storage
  - Motor starts
  - Black starting microturbine
  - Ridethrough during microturbine start

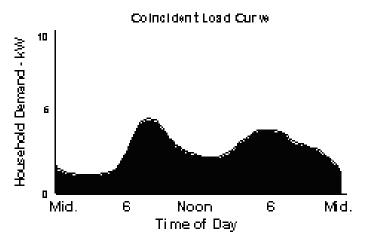




#### Residential Fuel Cell Generators

- Being developed by several companies
  - Mostly PEM fuel cells
- Generator supplying single household sees non-coincident load behavior
  - Not economic to base fuel cell output on peak loads
- Generator output sized for base load
- Energy storage supplies peaks
- Energy storage also used for black starts







## Distributed Generation Energy Storage Requirements

- Both microturbines and fuel cell generators benefit from energy storage
- Energy storage characteristics
  - Peak power capability in 10's of kW
  - Total energy delivered <1 kWh</li>
  - 10s of cycles per day
- Other requirements
  - Long life
  - Low life cycle cost
  - Temperature extremes?
  - Small volume?
- These needs are not met by today's batteries!



## **High Power Storage Technologies**

- Batteries
  - Lithium ion
  - Nickel-metal hydride
- Non-battery technologies
  - Supercapacitors
  - Flywheels
  - SMES
- Saft's emphasis is on lithium ion and supercapacitors
  - DoE-funded project for lithium ion system



### **Project Participants / Components**

- Saft 14kWh high power lithium ion battery
  - 150kW / 10 sec
  - 100kW / 1 min
  - 60kW / 2+ min
- SatCon 100kVA / 100kW power conditioning system
  - IGBT-based
- Dominion Virginia Power providing testing and eventual customer installation
- Project funded by DoE and managed by Sandia
- System arrives at Dominion facility in May 2002

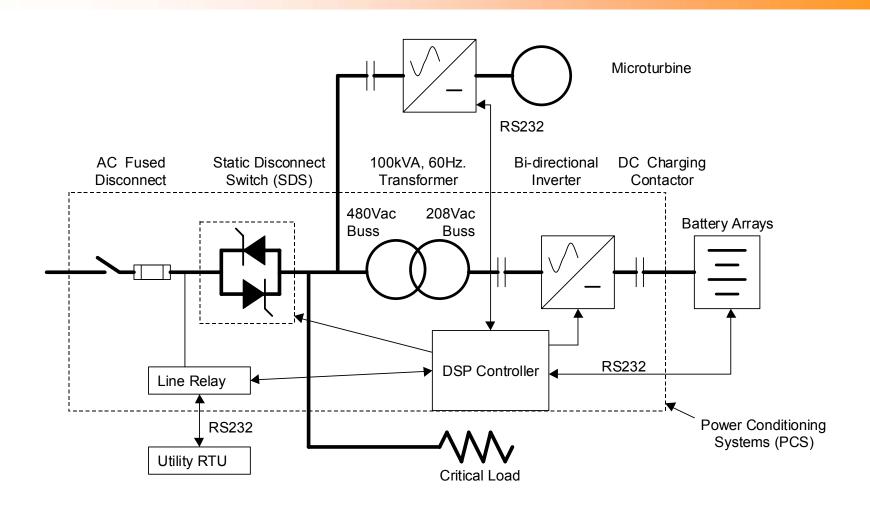


## **System Overview**

- Two operating modes
- 100kVA power quality system
  - Running in offline UPS mode
- Operation in conjunction with a 60kW Capstone microturbine
  - Line linkage mode (grid export)
  - Standalone mode
  - Automatic transition between two modes



## Configuration





### Importance of DoE Funding

- Many technologies identified for electrical energy storage are developed, but not yet commercialized
- Demonstration systems are a major way to validate product claims and generate interest in additional systems
- DoE funding for the Energy Storage Systems program has produced a large number of such projects
- Many demonstration systems have evolved into commercially viable products
- Many of these products will enhance the capabilities of DG systems





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